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1. The Administrative and Resistance Committee (ARC) of Hoa Binh is composed of the following members:

President:	Dinh Cong Trang, whom the DRV regard as the best converted Muong.
Commander of Regional Forces:	Dinh Cong Niet.
Advisor:	Quach Ham.
Vice President:	Le Ban aka Dinh Cong Son
Other Members:	<p>Nguyen Van Binh, half Muong, half Vietnamese.</p> <p>Tran Van Lam, a former merchant.</p> <p>Nguyen Duy Ky, a former clerk.</p> <p>Pham Van Huy, son of Pham Van Can and a former clerk in the Hoa Binh post office.</p> <p>Nguyen Van Xich, private secretary of the ARC, and former secretary of the ARC in Nam Dinh.</p>

2. While the ARC in Hoa Binh includes a number of Muong leaders who have the confidence of the people, the Committee is actually controlled by Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) agents.

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3. The DRV is carrying out a very active propaganda campaign in Hoa Binh but has not yet overtly promoted Communist doctrine. The slogan "resistance and liberation of the Muong people" is still being used by the DRV. During Muong meetings DRV agents usually give anti-French lectures. Because the educational level of the Muong people is very low, the DRV has not been able to advance its propaganda campaign. Although the DRV has inaugurated a land-reform program which is very popular, it is unable to control the Muong, who desire only to live in peace.

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